



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1634  
PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09138.0006-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
H. STENDER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/544,934 ) Examiner: J. Fredman  
Filed: April 7, 2000 )  
For: NOVEL PROBES FOR THE )  
DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA )

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of June 6, 2003, the period for reply having been extended to November 6, 2003, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows: